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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants provide information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

This is a national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/SE00/00066 filed January 14, 2000.

Applicants provide copies of the International Search Report dated May 15, 2000 and the International Preliminary Examination Report dated May 29, 2001. In the International Search Report the cited items were placed in the "A" category as "defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance." In the International Preliminary Examination Report claims were found to satisfy the criteria for novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability.

Copies of the four (4) items cited in the International Search Report are submitted for the convenience of the Examiner. Also, provided is a copy of the *Processing of Advanced Materials* publication that is discussed at Page 4 of the Specification.

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A form PTO-1449 that lists these items is attached. It is requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned once the above items are considered.

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